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Col. P. E. Duggins, MC, Commanding
Richmond, Virginia

SMOOTH RECEPTION GREETES VETS

PATIENTS PAID

True to his promise that all sick and wounded soldiers coming to McGuire General Hospital would be paid in full or in part while they are here, Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, yesterday witnessed the payment of more than \$45,000 to about 750 patients who arrived since Friday night.

"We are proud that civilian and military personnel
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NEW OCS QUOTA

An increase in quotas for admissions to Officer Candidate Schools leading to commissions in the Medical Administrative Corps of the Army has been announced by the War Department.

Quotas, which until recently have been extremely limited, have been revised to permit acceptance of 2,000 men within the next eight weeks for 17-week courses. Primary reason
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WORLD WAR II MEDICS BEST

WASHINGTON, D.C.--So well organized is the routine for handling American casualties in this war, Major-General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General, said, that 85% of the men wounded in the invasion of Normandy received medical attention within ten minutes of being hit.

The effectiveness of the methods employed, and the adequacy of the equipment may be gauged, he said in reporting details of his recent trip abroad, by the

fact that at one hospital visited in England, 6,000 patients had been handled since D-day, and only one had died.

"The thing that is saving life there," he stressed, "is surgery plus plenty of blood plasma, penicillin, sulfa drugs, and the fact that the whole setup was so well-planned in advance."

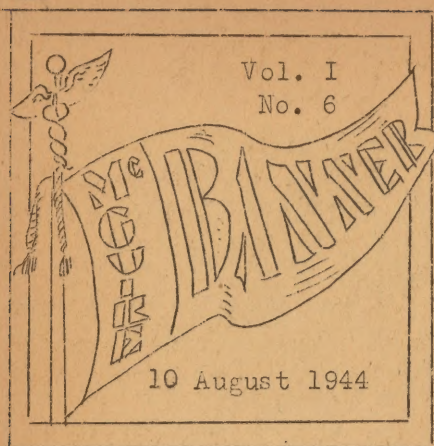
Veritable miracles are being performed, General Kirk asserted, in the rapid progress being made in
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McGuire General Hospital, the Army's great new evacuation center, faced with the necessity of meeting its own D-days, is coming through with flying colors, according to Col. P.E. Duggins, commanding officer, and visiting military observers from the Third Service Command.

The first consignments of patients, 105 by train and 17 by air, arrived late on the day of July 29. Other and larger groups have been received since that time, and in no instance have the hospital's equipment and personnel fallen short, Col. Duggins stated.

Almost 900 World War II sick and wounded from every state in the Union and from Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Hawaii have been received to date, the records reveal.

With the arrival of the first patients, mostly from England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy, the long period of waiting and "dry runs" for McGuire's personnel had ended. Doctors, nurses, enlisted men and women, and civilian personnel
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MONUMENTS THAT ENDURE

On Tuesday last, under the auspices of the Recreation Department of the Red Cross, a group of patients, many of them veterans of the campaigns of World War II, toured Richmond, visiting some of the historic sites in which this area abounds.

They visited such places as Battle Abbey, the Valentine Museum, and the Confederate Museum. In the sun-filled city streets there was little to remind them of the present war and still less of the hor-

rors of that other conflict long ago. To these veterans, as they rode through the neat thoroughfares and viewed the relics of another war, there must have been apparent a moral, to them especially poignant and meaningful, a truth to be weighed and assimilated, -- that the horrors, the memory of the blood, the sweat, the tears, and the toil, will die away in men's minds while the honor and the glory endure through the generations, and the actions in which they participated will live on in the memory of a people who, as these monuments so eloquently testify, do not soon or easily forget.

Do you know how McGuire General Hospital can operate more efficiently without impairing the service to patients? -- Send your ideas to the Suggestion Committee.

BACK THE ATTACK!
BUY BONDS FOR VICTORY!

"FOR THE BOYS"

McGuire General received its first shipment of overseas patients July 29, and since that date some 900 have entered its doors.

Enviably records for swift handling of patients are being made, but the heart of the hospital beats with every second that these patients are with us. Both civilian and military toil long into the night, so that they - the sick and wounded - might be made happier and more comfortable while they are guests of the hospital.

The comments of patients show how well we have succeeded: "This place is the nearest thing to Heaven I know of." Or, "The place must be mined --- it's too wonderful."

The members of the Admission and Disposition Section and those in the
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MCGUIRE WACS ARRIVE

With eight enlisted WACS already assigned to McGuire General Hospital, and more expected some time this month, McGuire is fast assuming the proportions of a full-strength army hospital post. Lieutenant Dale Van Vacter, WAC, commanding officer, announced that the eight WACS already received came here from Fort Eustis and have been assigned to duties around the hospital. The 50 members to arrive later this month will also be specialists in various lines and will be selected from various army training posts and hospitals around the country.

Of the number already assigned to work, there are two privates, five privates first class, and one corporal. They are: Corporal Alice Audrey Andrews, registrar's office; Pfc. Irene DuBois, chief of medical services office; Pfc. Cecilia M. Gaudet, physiotherapy; Pfc. Jane L. Lewis, laboratory; Pfc. Thelma Greene Tipton, personnel office; Pfc. Margaret Wolfe, Central Supply Service; Private Mary Ostrosky, motor pool; and Private Winona Hansen, WAC orderly room.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. (CNS)-- Her husband's extreme informality eventually led Mrs. Minnie Malone to the divorce courts. "When we had guests he would sit around in a red undershirt," she said. "And once, when I was giving a dinner party, he left his teeth on the table."

OVERSEAS SERVICE BAR AUTHORIZED

A bar of golden color, representing each six months of service overseas in the present war has been authorized by the War Department. The device is the first authorized to indicate periods of service overseas, although service ribbons are worn to indicate various theaters of action.

The new bar is distinct in design from both the service stripes and the World War I overseas chevron. It is a gold chevron worn with its apex toward

the end of the sleeve. Authority to wear the overseas bar will be entered on the service records of enlisted men, and upon the qualification cards of officers and warrant officers.

One bar is authorized for each six months total service outside the continental limits of the United States, computed from the day of departure to the day of return, during the period from December 7, 1941, to a date six months after the termination of the war.

VETS TO GET IDENTIFICATION

THEATRE OPEN SATURDAY

With everything in readiness for the opening of the Post Motion Picture Theatre, a fine program of first-run pictures has been booked with the first official showing scheduled for this Saturday, August 12, according to an announcement by John J. Perna, Jr., Post Theatre Officer.

The theatre, under the management of Pfc. A. E. Bair, will be formally opened with the purchase, by Col. P. E. Duggins, Commanding Officer, of the first theatre ticket ever sold at McGuire.

There will be two performances nightly, the first at 6:15 and the second at 8:15.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In order that discharged veterans of World War II, as well as veterans of all previous wars can readily establish their identity with the United States Employment Service in seeking employment, the War Manpower Commission has announced that it will have available in the near future identification cards obtainable upon application.

Persons entitled to these cards which represent the first identification system established, will be those men and women in World War II with honorable discharge papers.

GAME TONIGHT

Naval Tr. School vs. McGuire
Fonticello Park - 7:00 p.m.
Crucial Game of Series.....
Everybody must come out!

COME ON! WAR BONDS TODAY! IDEAS HELP WIN THE WAR!

4. PX "RUSHED" HOLLYWOOD "STARS" VISIT MCGUIRE

It was not long after the setting up of the last fixtures in the McGuire Post Exchange that the first overseas casualties arrived to sample its wares. Apparently they liked what they found, for the merchandise began to leave the shelves almost as fast as the startled Exchange employees could replace it.

The finely-equipped fountain did a land-office business, and there was no doubt of the effect of this section on the morale of the patients. The Exchange featured a variety of items from ladies' hose to travel luggage.

The fountain hours were changed to 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. daily and 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday so as to take care of the thirsting palates of a maximum of patients.

Lt. Rotner, Exchange Officer, is awaiting a fine assortment of merchandise, and is determined to keep the Exchange at its present high level of accommodation. Good work, Lieutenant! Go to it, GI's,-those double-rich malts are not rationed!!

An aviation cadet was walking with his girl friend. A plane passed overhead. "Oh, what a pretty airplane," commented the girl friend. "What kind is it?"

The air student looked again and said: "Why, that's a mail plane. Her eyes opened wide. "How can you tell from here?"

Wounded GI's at McGuire got a good taste of Hollywood's "bedside" manner" with the visit of Misses Signe Hasso and Dorothy Ford, budding film stars, here to chat with the patients, August 3, 4, and 5.

Specialists at drumming up warm conversation with Joes who were just a little too surprised to talk without stammering (you would stammer too if six feet two inches of glamor girl eased up to your bedside), the starlets talked about Idaho potatoes, skiing in Miss

Hasso's native Sweden, make-up in Hollywood, and of how Miss Ford managed to get her beauty so far off the ground.

It must be admitted that talk of Signe Hasso's eleven year old son evoked most interest, both from the patients and the proud mother.

"Sure glad you've got such a nice kid," one boy put it, "but how did you ever manage it so young?"

Miss Ford was most recently seen in "Bathing Beauty," while "Lady in the Dark" is also to her cinema credit. She has just completed "Picture of Dorian Gray," soon to be released.

Miss Hasso's latest hit, "Story of Dr. Wassell," has just finished a three-week run in Richmond. She also played in "Heaven Can Wait" and will soon be seen in "The Seventh Cross."

Making their way from bed to bed, the starlets left autographed photographs, and even left their mementos on the casts of many of the patients. In several instances, the inscriptions on the casts could not easily be seen by the patient, whereupon the stars drew laughs by producing mirrors and having the patients spell the messages backwards.

After visiting several of the wards, the visitors spent Thursday evening with some patients watching the McGuire Generals, the softball team, play a game at Byrd Park.

SURGEON GENERAL LAUDS MEDICS

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techniques developed to meet the constant emergencies of the battlefield.

X-ray photos are made early, sometimes only four miles behind the lines, as at one emergency hospital the General described in Italy. Only 10% of the cases brought in from the front ever develop infection, due to the precautions taken and the administration of penicillin and sulfa drugs.

D-day plans for care of the wounded were extensive and thorough, the Surgeon General reported. The Navy designated LST craft to be fitted with complete operating rooms and with three tiers of litters arranged along the sides as well as floor, space so marked. Field hospitals were set up on the beaches in record time, he emphasized.

YANKS OK "TOMMY" DECIDES

G. I. Joe has at last been vindicated in the eyes of his English cousins, according to a yarn last week in the London Daily Mail. It has been no secret to soldiers stationed in England previous to going to North Africa, Italy, Sicily, and Normandy that the average Britisher looked at him with skeptical eyes and wondered how he would stand up under bombs and bullets from the Huns.

War wounded and sick now in McGuire General Hospital, most of whom have been training in England, can look back at their experiences with greater satisfaction now that some of the misunderstandings between them and the English have been erased.

Now he knows. Now the average Englishman admits the Americans, "with their neatly creased uniforms, loud talk, and fondness for what seemed to us to be luxuries," can stand up and take it with the best of them. "The Yanks have guts, determination, and brains," they state.

John Hall, feature writer for the London Daily Mail, in a copywrited article said among other things:

"The England that for three years has played host to an influx of American troops was curious about how those Yanks would show up in battle."

In reporting to his countrymen what he thinks of Americans, Hall unconsciously revealed what England at large thought of them all along.

He continued: "Back in Britain, life seemed so generous to them. You wondered how those American cousins would face the stubborn Hun. You would scarcely recognize them on these Normandy beachheads.

"First thing that happens to the Americans when they get into the line is that they stop talking.

"At forward command posts you notice the difference in relations between officers and men. That apparent casualness and man-to-man friendliness which rather appalled our disciplinarians at home disappears. The Yanks go to it with the snap of Guardsmen.

"Grousing (bellyaching) was left behind at the rear. No soldiers could be more resolute. I have seen

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them ordered to attack a strong point almost impregnable to infantry.

"Their deep American confidence in themselves—sometimes back home you thought they had too much of it—disappears from the surface and goes inside where it stays.

"You expect to see officers in the line, but no army in the world sees the profusion of colonels and high officers in the battle line more continuously than the American.

"When things 'hot up' and you dive into a foxhole, you are likely as not to find that the man who dives in with you is a brigadier or major general."

"American toughness," concluded Hall, "is not just talk. Comfort is renounced as soon as they leave England."

Broadcast your ideas for improvements through the Suggestion Committee.

THE WOLF

by Sansone

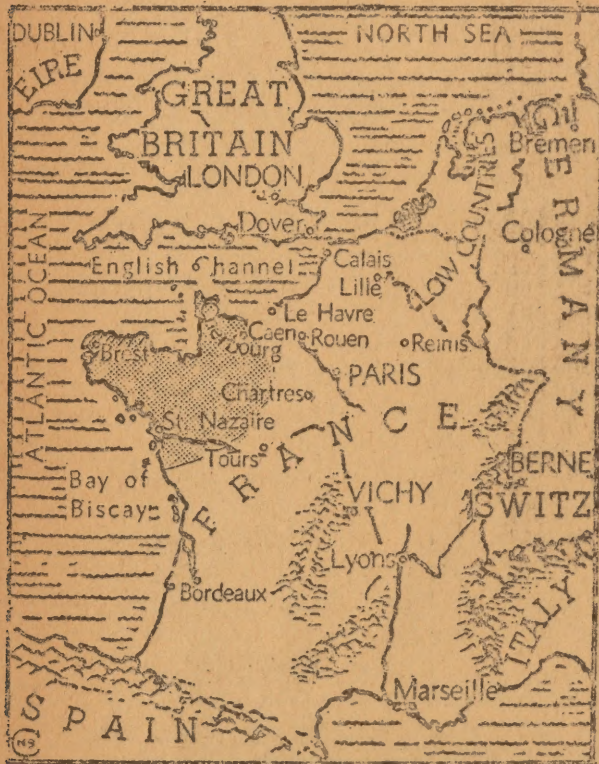
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"I can't understand it! Every time you come up here—you get something in your eye!!"



YOUR WAR

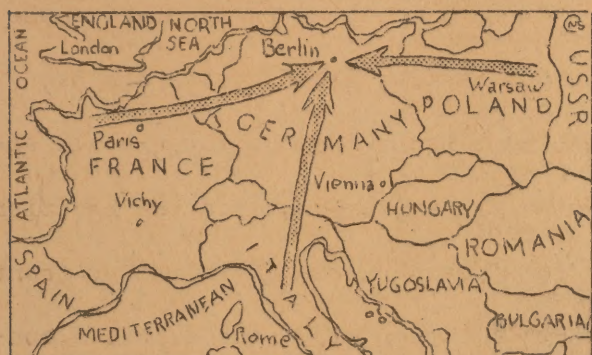


With many of the experts viewing the war as entering its decisive stages, last week brought about large-scale advances and improvements in the positions of the Allies on two of the major fronts of the European war. The Russians continued a spectacular and, indeed, scarcely believable advance to the very doors of the Reich itself, and German soil, for the first time since 1914, trembled under the invader's boot. On the Western front, long weeks of patient and cautious preparation on the part of

the Allies paid dividends with a breakthrough which wrested finally the Cherbourg peninsula from Nazi hands and sent the weakened enemy reeling from the plains of Brittany as well.

To us here at McGuire, this French phase of the campaign to crush Naziism carried even greater significance and interest because so many of the men submitted to our care have personally, and recently, known and struggled on those very fields. A glance at the map will show the relative size of the reclaimed territory, but an analysis based on such comparison is deceptive. The facts are that of the three German Armies known to be in France, one has now been decisively smashed. If the two others fail to hold the tide of Allied might, then the war will be over, for German reserves of manpower are imaginary and a product of Herr Goebbel's extremest fancy.

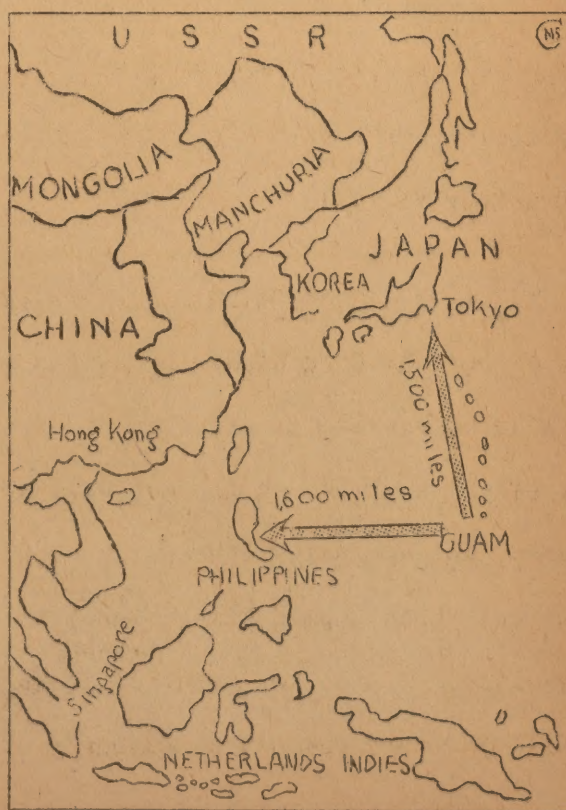
THIS WEEK



The Hitlerian concept of how a defensive war should be fought, in direct contravention to the ideas of his own generals, has been to hold all possible territory at whatever cost. This policy has been one of the greatest factors in the present

disintegration of the Nazi defenses, for it necessitates a defense over a wide area and eliminates the possibility of reserves. If any of the three arrows which are now aimed at the heart of Germany (see above) should reach its mark, the war would be over and the Austrian housepainter will have brought his own house down about his ears. The latest distances from the fighting fronts to Berlin: --from the Russian front - 311 miles; --from the Italian front - 600 miles; --from the French front - 623 miles.

On the other side of the world, in the Pacific theatre, the various campaigns were all making successful progress although at varying speeds. From the week's successes one fact stood out bold and clear. The 1500 miles from the island bases of Guam and Tinian to the home islands of Japan or to the subjugated Philippines were easy fleet-operating range as well as within the span of the Super-fortresses, the B-29's. Operations against the mainland of Japan may now be anticipated with regularity.



MCGUIRE RECEIVES VETS

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rolled up their collective sleeves and went to work. Following the first arrivals July 29, a shipment of 735 on three separate trains from Hampton Roads was received, processed, and distributed through the wards. Smaller groups of patients including one from Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, and another from Halloran General Hospital, New York, arrived to swell the ranks. The count, exclusive of those already transferred to other hospitals, remained at 849 Wednesday morning.

Many of these first arrivals saw action in Normandy during the first hours of the invasion. Breaking through the stiff curtain of artillery fire, these men participated in the smashing of Hitler's "im-pregnable" coastal wall.

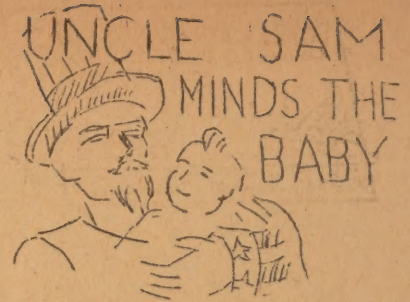
Some even preceded "H" hour by as much as four

hours when they landed in gliders or as paratroopers far behind the enemy to wreck German communication lines. Others heard the news of the Allied invasion over radios in England while they stood "alerted" awaiting their time to move into invasion boats.

Some of these men fell in the early moments of the attack. Some of them were hit before they ever reached French soil. Others pushed on for as many as 14 days before they were wounded.

For those in America who still think that the going in France was a "pushover" or that the Germans were caught napping, these men have an entirely different tale to tell. A captain who was supply officer of a task force on "D" day states that he still does not see how "we got through." This captain

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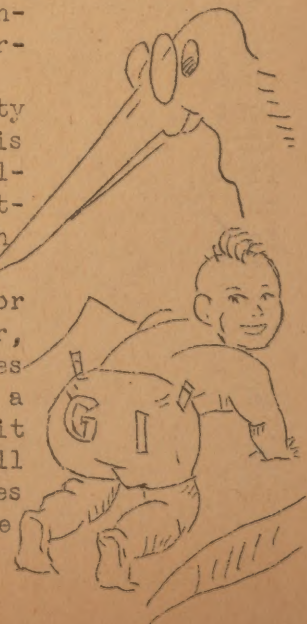
Uncle Sam is putting up \$42,800,000 to take care of the stork bill for half a million babies, the sons and daughters of his fighting men.

The money will be used to pay for medical, nursing, and hospital care for the servicemen's wives during pregnancy, childbirth, and for six weeks after childbirth, and for their babies, if they are sick during their first year.

Eligible for this service are the wives and infants of men in the four lowest pay grades of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps, and, for the first time since the program has been in operation, the wives and infants of Army aviation cadets are also entitled to this care.

It is given entirely without cost to either the serviceman or his family.

This emergency maternity and infant-care program is administered by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, through State health agencies, which are responsible for its operation. Together, these Government agencies see that the care meets a high standard, and that it is made available to all who are eligible. Inquiries should be addressed to the State health agency.



BUY BONDS FOR VICTORY!



Mix this with your Spam souffle and chew on it a while.

Has service in the Armed Forces impaired the athletic efficiency of professional sport stars? Will GI Joe DiMaggio still pack that old wallop when he returns to the New York Yankees? Has Sgt. Joe Louis preserved the coordination which made him unbeatable in the ring? Will Shipwreck Kelly's legs hold out for a fast session of flag-pole sitting?

This is the \$64 question that has become stuck in the craw of many of the best minds of our day and also those of the athletes themselves.

Part of the answer already has been supplied by such returning stars as Willie Pop, the featherweight, and Dick Wakefield, the outfielder. Pop, discharged by the Navy, hasn't lost a fight since his return to the ring. Wakefield, also discharged by the Navy, returned at once to the Detroit Tigers' outfield and clubbed out a double his first time at bat.

Further light may be cast on the subject when Pete Reiser, the Brooklyn Dodgers' brightest pre-war star, gets the CDD he expects from the Army and when Ray Robinson, already discharged with a CDD, re-

sumes his nose-bending career in the lightweight ring. In the meantime, sports fans can catch an occasional glimpse of such GI stars as Pfc. Frank Kovacs, who trimmed Bill Tilden and Don McNeill in smart fashion during a recent Red Cross benefit tournament on the grass courts at Forest Hills, and Lt. Ben Hogan, who plays golf on week-ends and still hits one of the longest balls in the game.

Most of the GI athletes seem confident that they will be as good as ever when they come back. Some of them, like Zeke Bonura, the big mahout of the North African League, even think they'll be better. "My legs are stronger than ever," says Zeke whose fielding for the White Sox was as messy as the waiter's apron at the Greasy Spoon Cafe. "I should be able to kick in more runs than ever before."

"It's got to be love at first sight. I've only got a 24-hour pass."

BUY WAR BONDS FOR VICTORY



"Did you hear that Joe's wife had triplets?"

"No fooling?"

"Yes, even the doctor says it happens only once in every 10,000 times."

"The poor girl. When did she find time to do her housework?"

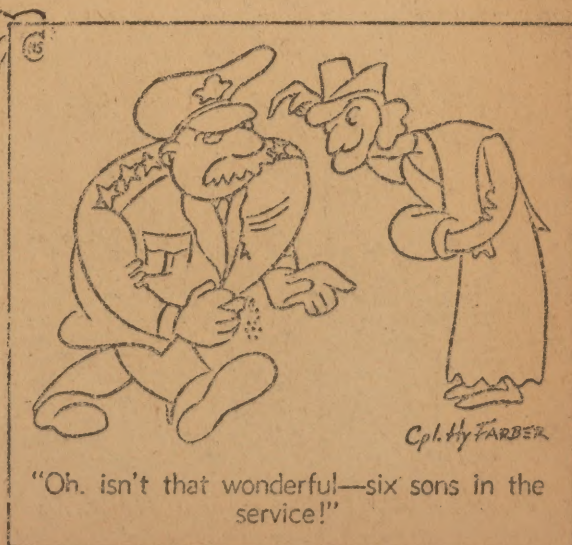
It had rained very heavily all day and all night. The camp was completely flooded. Going his rounds just before "lights out", the sergeant caught two GI Joes washing in the flood water.

"What do you guys think you're doing?" he bawled.

His outraged voice brought an officer on the run. "What's the trouble, sergeant?" he asked.

"Why, those men are washing themselves in the water they're going to sleep in" was the disgusted reply.

BUY WAR BONDS FOR VICTORY



"Oh, isn't that wonderful—six sons in the service!"

VETS PAID

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of this hospital were willing to work long, hard hours in order that the men might be paid," he said.

Lieutenant Parker W. Ingalls, fiscal officer, announced that payments in full had been made to more than 85 per cent of the men. Partial payments were made to the others whose service records or pay books were missing.

Colonel Duggins stated that no small part of the credit for payment of the men should go to the men and women workers of the military personnel section who toiled hour after hour in order that the records of the patients should be available for payment before the men left McGuire. "WOJG Robert J. Conway, Master Sergeant Guy Peters and all the others who worked so long and unselfishly are to be especially commended," he said.

Receiving the largest

NEW UNIT HITS POST

A new unit operating out of McGuire, the 1311th Hospital Train Unit, a Casualty Transportation Unit, began functioning with the arrival of the first overseas casualties.

This unit, composed of approximately 300 enlisted men, officers, and nurses, under the command of Major Alf Larsen, QMC, will operate to bring wounded from

points of debarkation in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia to the hospital doors, and thereafter to points nearer their homes.

The unit will be directed under the Service Command Surgeon, Col. F. P. Strome, and Maj. Gen. P. Hayes.

Quarters have been established on the Post to accommodate the personnel of the new unit.

payment was twice-wounded Private First Class Lawrence Tsuchiya, formerly of Kapaa Kauai, Hawaii, who was paid in excess of \$790. Private Tsuchiya, 30, unmarried and with no immediate relatives, had been unpaid since July 31, 1943, due to being in several base hospitals in Italy and Africa, and because his records were lost in Africa.

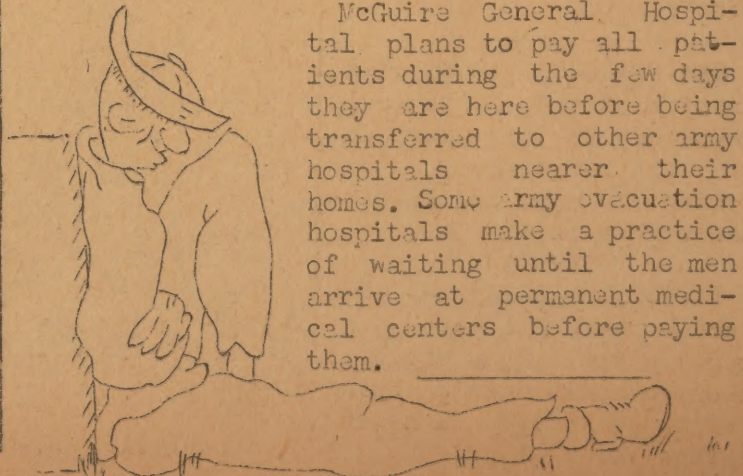
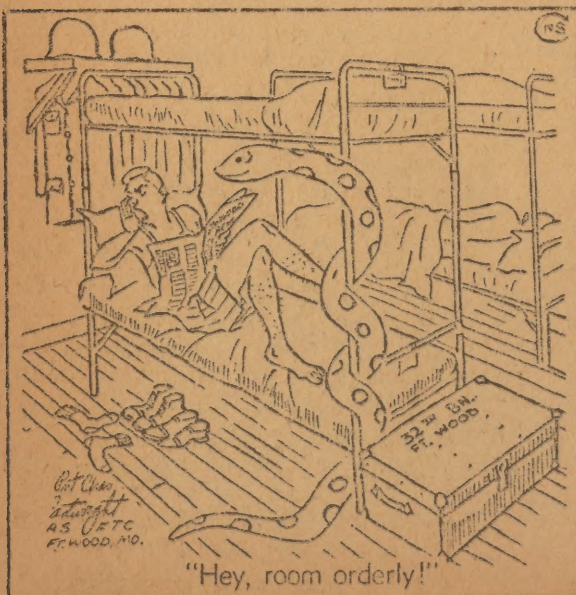
Private Tsuchiya, of Hawaiian-Japanese ancestry, served with the 100th Infantry, Thirty-fourth Division. He left Hawaii with some of the first troops to

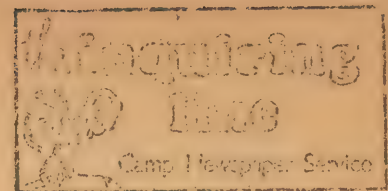
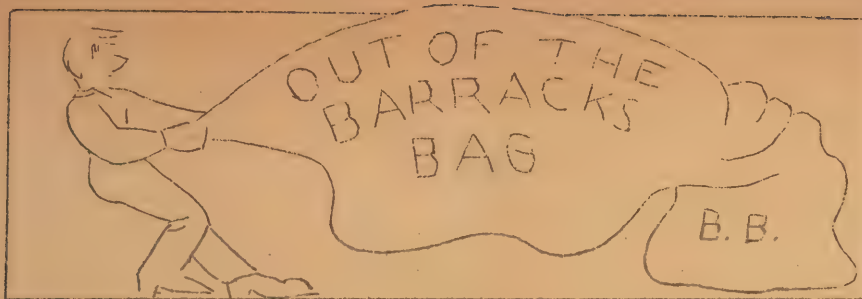
come to the mainland. After a year's training in the United States he was sent to North Africa where he received a shrapnel wound in his right arm. That was November 8 near Renfro, Italy. After two months in the hospital he returned to the front fully recovered and fought until June 2 when his left arm was shattered by a high explosive shell on an Anzio beachhead.

Private Tsuchiya is proud of being an American and of the role he played in Africa and in Italy.

"I never worried about receiving the money the army owed me. I knew the paymaster would catch up with me," he said.

McGuire General Hospital plans to pay all patients during the few days they are here before being transferred to other army hospitals nearer their homes. Some army evacuation hospitals make a practice of waiting until the men arrive at permanent medical centers before paying them.





FRANCE (CNS) - Pfc. G. C. Smith, of Tennessee, leading scout for a rifle squad, inched himself forward 150 yards at H-Hour. He saw an enemy soldier near a hedge. Smith shot him, then wiped out a German machine gun nest.

Smith looked around, wondering why no American comrades were near, then realized that he was alone in an enemy outpost area. So he inched his way back to his own line and demanded why the rest of the squad hadn't joined in the attack.

"It hasn't started yet," he was told. "You must have got your signals mixed."

MUSKOGEE, OKLA. (CNS)-War nerves were responsible for the extraordinary behavior of Lefty Smith, authorities believe. He recently wreaked havoc in downtown Muskogee by flinging eggs at every woman he saw who wore slacks.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)--"The Russians," the Tokyo radio reported in a masterpiece of understatement, "are aiming to disturb the German withdrawal."

PITTSBURGH (CNS) -- Two local residents were juggled after they stole a mounted policeman's horse and took it into a nearby saloon for a drink.

RAKEFIELD, R. I. (CNS) -- When his rationing board granted him permission to buy one and one-half tires instead of the two he had requested, Edwin Northup appealed. No one would sell him half a tire, he protested. The board relented.

CAMP FOREST, TENN. (CNS)-A rookie from Tennessee was strolling along the company street one morning when he encountered a second lieutenant, fresh from OCS. "Good mawmin'," drawled the rookie.

The highly indignant officer launched a stinging lecture on military courtesy, emphasizing saluting.

The rookie backed off and gasped, "Boss, if I'd knowed you were going to carry on like that, I wouldn't of spoke to you at all!"

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS) ---- Susie Grevmountain, a 209-pound Indian, tried to break jail here shortly after her arrest for insulting a policeman. She made a rope of her bed sheets and eased herself through the window. Then Susie and rope both fell three stories to the ground. She had neglected to tie the rope to anything in her cell.

Q. I have been told that it is not permissible for me to wear both my paratrooper and pilot wings at the same time. Is this true?

A. No. Both may be worn on the uniform as may any other badge you have to take tests of any sort to qualify for. The exception to this rule is the expert infantryman's badge which may not be worn when the recipient also has won the combat infantry badge.

Q. My wife and I were married when we were both very young. One day she hit me with a chair leg and ran off with the iceman, never to return. Later, I was drafted and as soon as I was in the Army, my wife started hollering for an allowance. I don't think she deserves it, but I have been told she has a just claim. How about it?

A. As the law now stands, your wife is entitled to a regular class A allotment. The only way you can stop these payments is by getting a divorce in which no alimony is granted your wife. Whether you can get one while you're in the service depends on the law of your home state. Your Legal Assistance Officer can give you the data on the legal channels open to you.

She wore one of those dresses that kept everybody warm but herself.

BUY WAR BONDS!

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RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

With the hospital beginning to function at last and with all departments running in high gear, the McGuire Red Cross Unit, under the capable leadership of Miss Frances T. Southall, went into high, and, from the arrival of the first overseas casualty to date, no patient has arrived or left the hospital without enjoying the Red Cross's variegated services and comforts.

From the moment of their boarding the hospital train which carries them to McGuire, to the moment when they depart for points nearer home, the Red Cross has been at their sides and has not ceased to plan for their comfort.

On Saturday, August 5, the Red Cross held open house and in the evening had a musical review for the patients, the big hit of which was a rendition of "Mairzy Doats" which was new to most of the patients.

Sunday, August 6, Elizabeth Wysor, operatic star, visited the wards and sang for the boys there and in the Red Cross building. This program was sponsored by the Traffic Department of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

Monday, August 7, brought WRNL's "Ladies Be Seated" program to the Red Cross Building and had the GI's participating to win many worthwhile prizes.

Miss Adele Clark, Richmond artist, entertained the boys with exhibitions

of some of her art work.

On Tuesday, August 8, in response to requests from the patients, an Amateur Night frolic was put on with great success. During the afternoon, the Volunteer Motor Corps, through the Red Cross, took a group of patients for a tour of Richmond with a stop in Byrd Park where refreshments were served by the Mobile Kitchen of the Richmond Chapter of the Red Cross.

The program for the remainder of the week follows:

Thursday, August 10
Nite Club Party - Sponsored by Junior Board of Trade, Richmond. GIRLS! PRIZES! REFRESHMENTS! 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, August 11
Vance Campbell in "A One Man Show" - from the cast of "This Is The Army." 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

RECREATION HALL OPEN--
10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

On Friday afternoon, August 4, an all colored variety show was presented. The Bibbs family, a group of children, all talented members of the same family, gave a performance highlighted by choral numbers charmingly arranged for the young voices.

Miss Southall addressed the following message to the patients of McGuire:

"The Red Cross may be able to help you get the answer to that question you've been worrying about. Perhaps you want to talk to someone before you make that phone call home. Maybe your folks live out in the

HOSPITAL LIBRARY OPENS

A handsomely-furnished and well-stocked library began operation with the arrival of the first overseas casualties. Under the supervision of Miss Nettie B. Taylor, McGuire librarian, the book-mart began to furnish the answer to the cravings of literary-minded veterans.

With the latest books and current best-sellers sitting on shelves alongside immortal classics of the English language, there was a book for every taste.

For those patients unable to leave their wards, a traveling library in the form of a book-cart makes daily rounds of the wards.

Library hours are as follows:

Mon.-Fri.-8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Sat. -8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sun. -1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



country and you don't know how to get them. Red Cross helped some fellows get a call through. Talk to your Red Cross worker.

"The Red Cross has shoppers to help you get the things you want before you go home. Call on them. They'll help you figure it out."

WOUNDED BRING TIPS ON FIGHTING NAZIS

"Lay off the ten-minute breaks in training. There is no room for anything like that on the battlefield."

That's some advice picked up by a Stars and Stripes reporter as he made the rounds of a hospital in England, a hospital stocked with men wounded in the Normandy landings and in the battle for the Cherbourg peninsula.

Some more advice from combat:

Watch out for German snipers. They work hidden away in the branches of trees. When you get close to them they let you have it.

Don't hug the roads all the time. The enemy has every road mapped and zeroed in. It's a good way to get plastered by 88 fire.

Dig in. Then camouflage your foxholes. Foxholes themselves won't give you

all the protection you'll need.

Don't trust the German. He's sneaky and as treacherous as the Jap. Be suspicious of "natives," too. Don't expect help from anyone but your own men.

Travel light. But don't forget your weapons and your ammunition. These are what you kill with.

The German, the wounded men said, isn't as good a fighter as the Yank, but he's sneaky. One Yank platoon captured five German soldiers sniping at them from the trees. All the Germans wore civilian clothes.

Another GI told of a group of Germans that surrendered. "When we got close to them," he said, "they started to bawl and cry and make a lot of noise. That was the tip-off to their pals behind them. The ones who 'surrendered' fell flat on

READING, PA. (CNS) --- William Nagle is a patient man, but he finally filed suit for divorce against his wife, Imogene, who, he complained, deserted him in 1897.

SALIDA, CAL. (CNS) -- The Board of Education has hired three men to take care of the heating problem at Salida's schools next winter. Their names are Cole, Wood, and Sparks.

DENVER, COL. (CNS) --- "I'm sorry," a stranger told Mrs. Martha Martin after he had batted her in the eye on a Denver street, "I thought you were my mother-in-law."

their faces and the guys behind pumped it into us with the old MG42."

The wounded men were emphatic advocates of stiffer training back home.

"We walked for five hours without any of those damn ten-minute breaks," one of them said.

"When we finally did stop, the Germans put 88 fire right on us and we lost a lot of men."

"Make the training tough," he said. "You can't make it tough enough."

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

WHY SAILORS GO TO SEA

OH, I KNOW JUST HOW IT IS!
—I SAW DICKIE DANGER IN
"JOLLY TARS AT SAVO"
ISN'T IT NICE THAT HE'S IN
4F SO HE CAN PLAY IN THOSE
WONDERFUL MOVIES?

DID THEY NAME THE
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS
AFTER THAT FELLAH
IN DICK TRACY?

MAJOR JACKSON WILL
NOW TELL US HOW HE
KILLED ALL THOSE NASTY
OLD JAPS WITH HIS
DARLING LITTLE PX BOAT

HOW COULD A
KID LIKE THAT GET
ALL THEM RIBBONS
JUST RIDIN' IN A
BOAT?

DON'T TELL ME HOW
TOUGH IT WAS IN THE
SOUTH PACIFIC... I'VE
SEEN THOSE DORRITY
LAMBON PICTURES!

HOW TO USE THE FEDERAL BALLOT IN CASTING YOUR VOTE

Servicemen from 20 states can go ahead and use the Federal ballot in the November election, providing they are eligible to vote in the first place.

These states are: California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, and Washington.

States not authorizing the use of the Federal ballot but authorizing the use of the State absentee ballot only are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Now then, if you come from one of the 20 states that authorize use of the Federal ballot, you've got to take an oath that you applied for a state absentee ballot before Sept. 1 and didn't get it before Oct. 1. If you did get the state ballot, you can use that, of course.

You've got to be 21 by

the day of the election, Nov. 7, in order to vote unless you come from Georgia. If that's the case, you can vote if you're 18.

If you live in one of the states that recognizes only the state absentee ballot, you'll have to wait till you get that before you can vote.

But let's get back to the Federal ballot. Here's the way it works:

Shortly after Oct. 1, the CO of every outfit that's not on the front line will set a date for voting. On the day of the voting the CO will give a ballot to every soldier who asks for one and says he's willing to swear he applied for his state ballot before Sept. 1 and didn't get it. Ballots and inner and outer envelopes will be given out by the voting officer at a specified place in the company area. No one is going to march you to the polls and make you vote if you don't want to.

Before you vote, you should find your congressional District on Soldier Voting Poster No. 3, a big map of the U.S. that shows every Congressional District in the country. Then you should study Poster No. 4, which lists the offices for which you can vote and the names of the candidates. After you get your voting

FOR THE BOYS

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Registrar's Office have performed singular feats. The personnel in the supply branches have earned the respect of battle weary soldiers with the manner they display in making clothing distribution.

When the patients speak of heaven, they mean the care they are getting from doctors and the nurses who are serving the "best", the military personnel section who have burned the midnight oil "for the boys" to make salary payments possible; the Fiscal Branch who made the payment; the Red Cross; the Special Service Office; and the laundry. In fact, every member of the Post.

unit, you should read the instructions, fill in the ballot and both envelopes, including the oath on the inner envelope. Then address the outer envelope to the capital of your home state and return the ballot to your voting officer for mailing.

Servicemen who are on their way back to the U.S. from overseas stations but who won't arrive until after Oct. 1 will also be able to vote and can get the details from the voting officers of their outfits or the voting officers on their transports.

Remember that if there is something that you don't understand about the ballot your voting officer will help you out. And you can find the official dope on the use of Federal ballots in WD Cir. 302, 17 July 1944.

OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS - "G.I." WAY

To help the large numbers of veterans who, it is believed, will go into business for themselves after the war, the United States Department of Commerce, at the request of the Army, is preparing a series of booklets on how to operate more than 20 types of small businesses.

Predicting that as many as 3,000,000 veterans will want to operate businesses for themselves, the division of small businesses of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce announced this week that the books are to be placed in the hands of servicemen before they are discharged. The books will give information on such points as how to choose a location, stock, fit and maintain.

The Army's educational program, plus the Veteran's

Administration Counseling Service, and advice from the Commerce Department will provide a background which will help veterans materially in such businesses. It is warned, however, that there will be fierce competition after the war when the 2,900,000 business concerns now operating are increased to the 1941 level of 3,500,000.

EDGEWOOD, IOWA (CNS)- Don Arnold saw a stranger leading his stolen dog down the street. He accosted the fellow and demanded the dog's return. "Prove it's your dog," the stranger challenged. Arnold struck a match, held the flame in front of the dog's mouth, and said, "Blow it out." The dog blew it out. "Your dog," said the stranger, walking away.

NOTABLE QUOTE: Gen. Sir B. L. Montgomery, "The damn war will have to end by '48 because all the paper in the world will be used up."

GRANVILLE, -- Who is the American sergeant? Everyone in Granville wants to know.

He arrived in Granville on Saturday afternoon, July 29. The Germans were still there. He drove up in a jeep as though it were his own town.

People gathered around--pleased, frightened, delighted.

"The Germans are still here," they tried to tell him. He finally understood.

"Where?" he asked. They pointed to an old fortress high on a hill. He drove off. Two shots rang out. The sergeant returned to the Hotel Normandy.

"Can I get something to eat" he asked. And in full view, in a big bay window he ate. People by the hundreds gathered around. He picked out a girl, made a date, spent the evening with her, stayed the night in the hotel and at dawn he drove away.

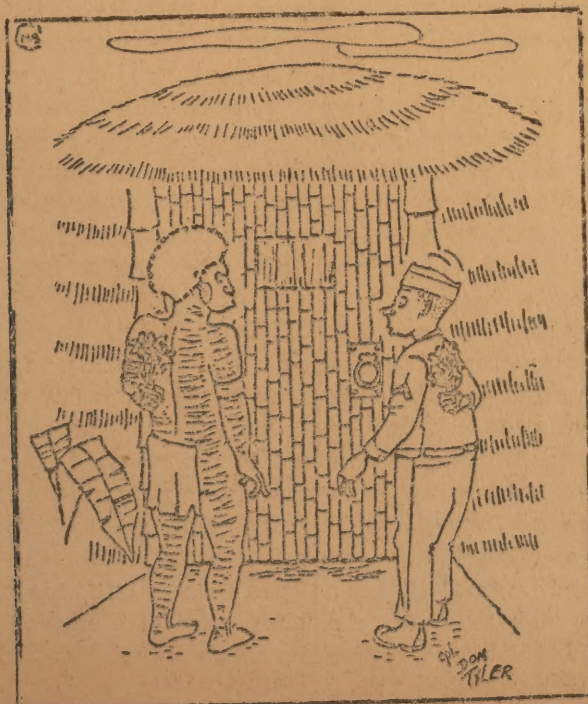
"Good-bye," he waved. "I'll be seeing you again."

Two days later the first American tanks came through the town.

JOPLIN, MO. -- Aug. 10th. The little boy rushed into the house and shouted to his mother, "Pappy jest fell off the roof of the barn and into a barrel of turpentine!"

"Lands sakes," gasped his mother, "was he bad hurt?"

"We don't know yit," replied the boy. "We ain't been able to ketch him!"



MCGUIRE RECEIVES VETS

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lost his right eye in the attack. "The Germans threw everything they had at us, and I still can't figure out how we were able to make those landings," he stated.

With the arrival of other casualties from the Italian fronts, the men from Normandy were swapping stories with veterans who witnessed the hell of Anzio.

The majority of patients received at McGuire will remain here only from three to seven days when they will be transferred to military hospitals nearer their homes if the selected hospitals have room, and the facilities for their care and treatment.

However, two hundred of the 1777 total bed capacity have been earmarked by the Surgeon General's office for patients coming to this hospital from homes in surrounding areas, who will remain here for their complete army hospitalization. This figure of definitive treatment patients includes overseas sick and wounded plus duty military personnel from the hospital staff and emergency casualties.

The Admission and Disposition Branch revealed this morning that at the present time McGuire has 126 definitive treatment patients.

Among these patients are the 22 men who arrived from Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco on Monday and who saw action in the Pacific.

"TWO-TON" HITS MCGUIRE

"I'd moider dem bums! Dis war is going overtime because I ain't gone over yet!" shouted Two-Ton Tony Galento as he went through the wards on a whirlwind tour of McGuire bedsides Thursday, August 3.

At the suggestion of a few GI's that the Nazis can be pretty tough customers, the Beer-Barrel Poker cast aside the enemy forces with a "G'wan, I'd moider 'em!"

No introduction was needed--nor was there time for

one--for the refugee from an East Orange Punch Bowl got quick recognition from the boys, spoke his challenge, and was off. Galento completed his entire tour of the wards in 70 minutes of the first round.

Tony was in town to referee a free-for-all wrestling bout at Mooer's Field, and consented to spend what little time he had with the boys before motoring back to "Joisey."

NEW QUOTAS FOR O.C.S.

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for the increase is the need for more officers qualified for administrative duties in the Army Medical Corps.

In recent months, only the MAC OCS at Camp Berkeley, Texas, has been accepting candidates. Under the present plan, the OCS at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., has been reopened. Three classes of 500 men each will be admitted at Camp Berkeley at two-week intervals. Two classes of 250 men each will start four weeks apart at Carlisle in addition to classes already in training there.

To be eligible for acceptance, applicants must score 110 or better on the Army General Classification test, and must have had at least three months of continuous service immediately preceding enrollment in OCS.

Personnel assigned to units alerted for overseas duty may not be accepted.

Army regulations also prohibit assignment to MAC OCS of "personnel who are assigned to infantry, cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery, antiaircraft, air corps, signal corps, corps of engineers, tank destroyer units, tank units of armored forces, or are undergoing training in a replacement training center conducted by any of the foregoing arms or services."

POST THEATRE PROGRAM 12-18 August

Saturday, 12 August
HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO
Eddie Bracken, William Demarest, Ella Rains
Sun., Mon., 13, 14 August
STEP LIVELY
George Murphy, Frank Sinatra
Tuesday, 15 August
CRIME BY NIGHT
Jerome Cowan, Jane Wyman
Wednesday, 16 August
THEY MADE ME A CRIMINAL
John Garfield, Ann Sheridan
Thurs., Fri., 17, 18 August
CANTERVILLE GHOST
C. Laughton, M. O'Brien

Looking em Over

Set by
Bill
Allison

Amos Rusie, the Giant's mighty right-hander of the 90's, was with little doubt the most discussed player of his or any era. A young third-baseman of Baltimore, John McGraw, paid Rusie his first tribute. After John had swung vainly at the 19 year old's blinding fast ball through one afternoon, he remarked, "You can't hit what you can't see." A cocktail was named for the big Hoosier and one DeWolf Hopper lauded him from the stage before every rendition of "Casey at the Bat." Lillian Russell asked to be introduced to Amos, and Weber and Fields honored him with a special skit in one of their extravaganzas. When the Giants paid \$60,000 for Rusie and three or four other now forgotten Indianapolis players in 1890, New York fandom turned out with banners and a parade to welcome him at the station. In the four years from 1890 through 1893, Rusie pitched 224 games, winning 132. What

hurler do you know today that can work 56 games a season?

The hottest race for a pennant in the history of baseball was the three-way struggle between Chicago, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis in 1915. The Chicago Whales clinched the flag on the last day of the season by defeating Pittsburgh 3 to 0, after the latter had taken the first game of a double-header, 5 to 4. The final percentages of the top three contenders read: Chicago, .565789; St. Louis .564935; Pittsburgh, .562092. The Whales' margin of victory was .000854 point.

SNIP THE NIP DEP'T

It was way back in 1931 when the Japs had a taste of Lefty Grove's famous fast ball but they hadn't learned to handle big league pitching yet. During a baseball tour of the Far East in '31, Grove was sent in to protect a 4-3 lead in the eighth inning. He fan-

ned the last six Nippos on 19 pitched balls.

PACIFIC BASE:---Once Admiral Kiichi Endo commanded a Japanese fleet based at Wewak, New Guinea.

Allied bombings reduced the fleet to a couple of submarine chasers and some barges. Then the admiral was trapped by General Douglas MacArthur's leapfrogs at Hollandia. Endo fled into the Cyclops jungle where it is believed he perished.

An American army staff officer with a flair for signposts put up one at a plantation, reading:

"Admiral Endo Slept Here."

Near an old ration dump is another:

"Admiral Endo Fed Here."

On Pim Beach, near Hollandia, is a third one:

"Admiral Endo Fled Here."

Finally, out in the jungle, a signpost records:

"Admiral Endo Dead Here—End o' Endo."

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MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

MESS CONSOLIDATED



SPORTS CHATTER

By S/SGT. BARRY SCHECTMAN

Who says we're not in the race? Now that Navy has broken the Reynolds' invincibility myth, the second half Municipal League Race is wide open once more with no holds barred, and this time we're gonna ride home.

Thursday night comes the big test against Navy and the Generals are all set to wreak vengeance for those three defeats at the hands of the Sailors. Johnny Atmanchik, possessor of the imposing record of 5 wins in six starts, is expected to lead the way to emphatic victory.

The Generals have been really clicking since the middle of July, having won 9 games of the last eleven played, which is high class ball in any sport.

Here's the record since we last went to press: Navy 9, McGuire 3; McGuire 15, Bellwood 0; McGuire 16, Hopper 1. We really did smash that apple around in those three contests.

But then came Reynolds and jittery fingers and we lost 8-1. A quick recovery against Antiaircraft 6-0 and we're all set for the wars again.

Our G-2 reports that Navy beat Reynolds at their own game, running wild on the bases and causing the

defenses of the first half winner to crack at the seams. Navy did this fancy job, scoring four runs on a measly two hits.

Standings of Municipal League:

	G	W	L	Ptc.
Reynolds	7	6	1	.857
N. T. S.	6	5	1	.833
McGuire	8	6	2	.750
Patent Office	6	4	2	.666
Antiaircraft	7	2	5	.295
Hopper	5	1	4	.200
Bellwood	6	1	5	.166
Wortendyke	7	1	6	.142

During the last fortnight, the Generals lost their crack second-sacker Lt. "Zero" Boyer who departed for another station. Lt. Boyer was undoubtedly one of the most popular men on the Post and everyone hated to see him go. He played a lot of second base and came through with plenty of timely hits in the clutch. The Generals, the Post and your reporter, wish him Godspeed.

Miller was shifted to fill the gap at second and "Lefty" Peters took over the left field duties to maintain the offensive strength of the Club.

Incidentally, Miller's stab of a line drive and unassisted double play was a humdinger -- certainly preserved Atmanchik's well-

earned shut-out.

The boys are still belting that ball, with the team average at .307 as of August 4.

Atmanchik tops the batters, also with a cool .500, but actually Conway still leads the batting parade since he's played in twice as many contests as Johnny:

Here are the figures:

	G	AB	R	H	Ave.
Atmanchik	9	30	11	15	.500
Conway	20	64	17	28	.437
Peters	20	51	7	21	.411
Finkler	17	52	12	18	.346
Allison	21	67	18	22	.328
Ancypowic	24	69	19	22	.318
Vaeth	26	84	21	26	.309
Miller	23	65	13	19	.292
Roffman	21	64	12	16	.250
Cheswick	18	39	15	8	.205

Incidentally, Eddie Mooers, owner of the Richmond Colts, is inviting patients and personnel of McGuire to attend the home games of the Colts as his guests. Those interested should contact the Special Services Office for further information.

Plans are being formulated for the establishment of an athletic conference to be composed of service teams throughout the state of Virginia. "Feelers" sent out by Captain Stanley Alcorn, Athletic Officer of the Richmond Army Air Base, drew enthusiastic response. So we can look forward to a lot of excitement and keen competition when the Basketball Season rolls around. Lt. J. J. Perna, Post Athletic Officer, indicates that we will present a strong quintet in the conference comes Fall.